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SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO CAIRO RECONSTRUCTION AND PLANNING CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION, THROUGH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO SIX SPECIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND JANUARY 16 - 22 CONFERENCE IN CAIRO ON "HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS IN GREATER CAIRO". MINISTRY WILL PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS, PLUS A SUM FOR EXPENSES. ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT OBTAIN DETAILS ABOUT CONFERENCE, MINISTRIES INVOLVED ARE TREATING THIS AS MATTER OF SOME IMPORTANCE, AND EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING INDIVIDUALS NAMED AND ATTEMPTING GET AT LEAST PRELIMINARY READING ON THEIR INTEREST IN ATTENDING. END SUMMARY.

2. GOE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION, THROUGH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE, HAS ADVISED US THAT SIX INDIVIDUALS FROM US ARE BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE ON "HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS IN GREATER CAIRO". CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD JANUARY 16 - 22 IN CAIRO. INVITEES LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) LOWELL K. BRIDEWELL, U.S. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT.
- (2) GERALD HINES, PRESIDENT, GERALD HINES INTERESTS, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

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- (3) WILLIAM E. HARTMANN, GENERAL PARTNER; SKIDMORE, OWINGS AND MERRILL, WEST MONROE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
- (4) BRUCE GRAHAM, GENERAL PARTNER; SKIDMORE, OWINGS AND MERRILL (ADDRESS NOT SPECIFIED).
- (5) RICHARD S. JOSLIN, SENIOR URBAN DESIGNER; SKIDMORE, OWINGS AND MERRILL.
- (6) MR. JACK GRIFFEN; GERALD HINES, INC., SEARS CRESCENT BUILDING

,
- CITY HALL PLAZA, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

3. FURTHER DETAILS GIVEN IN MIN. FON. AFFS. NOTE AS FOLLOWS:
INVITEES MUST ARRIVE ON JANUARY 14 OR 15; PAPERS RELATING TO THEME
OF CONFERENCE SHOULD BE SENT BY INVITEES IN FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY
1978 (THIS PROVISION NOT FURTHER EXPLAINED); MINISTRY OF CULTURE
WILL ACT AS HOST FOR INVITEES, AND WILL ISSUE FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL
TICKETS; A TWO-DAY VISIT TO LUXOR WILL BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM; UPON
ARRIVAL, MINISTRY OF CULTURE WILL PROVIDE EACH INVITEE WITH \$ 1,000
IN CASH, PLUS AN EQUIVALENT SUM IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS; COST OF
ACCOMMODATION AND IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL WILL BE PAID FOR ACCOMPANYING
SPOUSES (BUT NOT COST OF TRAVEL TO CAIRO).

4. NOTE ASKS EMBASSY TO INFORM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
RESPONSES OF U.S. INVITEES "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE". MINISTRIES
INVOLVED APPEAR BE ATTACHING CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO CONFERENCE,
AND WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ATTEMPTING CONTACT
INDIVIDUALS NAMED ABOVE TO DETERMINE AT LEAST THEIR PRELIMINARY
INTEREST IN ATTENDING CONFERENCE ON HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION IN
CAIRO DURING STATED PERIOD. MEANWHILE, WE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS. EILTS

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